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## THE MASTER KEY

CH-PTER XV.

The Persy Plat. -the typical ton and Thome is but ingeller to discuss the problems before them: the pullets so her expens for the conattor of the deal that Everett had proposed were such lost. Where they were game, whether they had indeed fatten into Witkorson's bourds, tione count that, that more immediate 500 were the need of extensions Jour. Two plain ciothes men arouny sat near by ready to fake bint to brison on a

charge of telling Heary Pen. "It's really only a formatity," said the number of the mate. The man was a cobler and Mr Door tried to capture nim as he had svery right to do, and the man was killed.

This falled to comfort Eath. To her mind the presence of the burry others, the fact that John Porr was under arrest to a strange city, made nor foot. that her buildens were too great to bear. She sai holding the old cook's hand tin Everett should come. He bud already terephoned, and she trial to be prayed if he should come

Everett arrived, and the moment she bother to deals a beyond asks of rethef He was so entrailer moking, so cont. so zentilizets conduct to June that even Form Kame notroused his grim visings a

"Fin under arrest." John told him "The officers were good enough to let the stay here till you came. Now i must be off. Let me introduce you all

This done John Dorr went on, "They when you've tentted the worst come down and get me out, if you can'

Everett agreed and Dorr rose, and "I don't want to discourage you. with a amile said modely to his comterrioris. As he left the notes with an effect an either side of him little broke lown and greed from Kana comforted ber no best be could till Everett sag ested that they had best go in some more nepente place and discuss must-

ing their introduce exteroity up to the implemed again to spoil their plans. It and was Wilkerson who snatched up the arm. Birth had finished and the cook was paper and read the news: Tient Everett thought a moment, then HOTEL THIEF HURLED TO DEATH.

out. I'll be off now and see the dis-

"Please burry!" Buth pleaded.
"Don't warry." was the cheerful reaponen A momer, later he was gone,
brounding to be borned to be been burry." Buth pleaded.

The bear of Samuel Price,
allow the police as that of Samuel Price,
allow the war the was the police as that of Samuel Price,
allow the police as the po promising to bring John back with

Buth demanded of You Kine.

The old man ut has more and seru-tinized the ceiling. "Well," he said judicially, "considering the tooks of To this question there was no satisthem on Wilkerson's side and them on factory answer until Wilkerson read John's side, I should think that this down further and learned that nothing Everett was on the right side."

with this judgment she had to be content. But she transfed that he tell her all about the conditions at the "Master Key" mine. "I know you nave mut told see all the truth," she said.

Wilkerson Sushed. "There is one Wilkerson Sushed." There is one

not much to tell one way and a heap "Dorr is to be held for stilling him." in another. The mine's practically the mount of the You know first you went to his friends get him out. And monu away, their John and then Wilkerson while you do nothing? Partir much all was left was me and But Tables. Into no find of represent- time. Drake and Wilkerson mounty



"Please nurry!" Rute pleased.

The result was that things went to They discussed the plan and at last

I know nobody has hid you off."

why work?"

"They haven't been paid, then?" No. And Wilkerson cut off all cred it at the store. I gness I got in bad with Tubbs when I divided up a lot of Bonr and spods that was in the cook shanty among the worst off ones. There was some agily talk, and before turn to Dorr and Everett. On the I could tind of settle the boys' minds presentation of the note which Wilkerthey treated Bill prerty roughly. So I con had forged she instantly took hat rout myself that I would come to alarm.

Onf' mourned Ruth, aguast at the | pers.' not story. "And I seem to have been

unfortunarie all around, but I know that John was by things.

Tom know died his notiest old eyes on the girl and shook his head. The morning proudle John | don't want to discourage you, Ruthie," he said sprintly "but until that mon-Willocook is not of the mine for good you can't do more than patch matters i changed into street dress. While she unitemporarily

nell were surrously awaiting news her from Henry i eo. It was getting along in the toronous and the woman inabsted that if he find succeeded in getflux the jupers he should have been on the ground was before. Her compan



ton was worried, but taid the delay to Pell's habits and the necessity possibly

of avoiding the police. But when Drake arrived with the morning papers and said nothing articsilate and only pointed to the freedlines In flath's come she and the cook ex- on the first page both Wilkerson and Mrs. Darnell knew that something and

"I don't mean to make fun of an Strumple With Hotel Robber Strumple With Hotel Robber Shortly before medium that high Mass faith Gallon, a guest at the Hotel Mans, faith Gallon for room to find a musted man icomis her deal. Her err for help frightened that falls

"True enough," was the reply. "That is the first thing I must do, get him out. I'll be off now and see the discount in the ensuing struggle the despende was either hung or fell to the periods was either flung or fell to the

Wilkerson read no further. He turn-What become think of Mr. Everetty and said buskity, "He's dead?"

"Well, he won't tell may tales," was

With this judgment sile had to be of value had been found on Pell's body.

comfort." he sold in an univ tone "For how long?" smored Jean. "Un-

She continued in this strain for some of Wilherson and I stuck up for John Hatening. They knew that if she succe threw the affair up they would be helptoney would have gone for naught. Wilkerson was thinking quickly Saddenly he interropted Jean to ask for pen and ink. She get them, and he sat fown at the trible to write. Drake and Mrs. Darnell kept up a desultory conersation until he had timshed.

There was a queer look in Jean's eyes as she took the sheet he handed her and gianced at the writing "I see you still can do it," she murnivred "Rend it" he growled

Mrs. Darnell read it through silently and then aloust:

Dear Ruth-1 hate to sak you to come down and see me in the fall, but I have something ever important to tell you Bring the papers too Bottly Collin. "Are you sure he is in jail?" demand d the woman when she had fruistied. And what is the blez of getting the papers into his bands?"

"He'll just turn them over to Everett." muttered Drake

Wilkerson smited slyly. "The idea is that Drake nere will disguise him self us a chauffeur; take this note to the hotel, see that it reaches Kuth and then drive her supposedly to the Juli. but really to where I'll meet him."

the had and the nors truy come to agreed that it was feasible. Drake me and want to answ how long they've himself saw nothing dangerous in if so long as Wilkerson was to meet him I suppose re mean new long before and man Ruth off his hands. He | never wrote it" pay day, I says to 'cur. 'So far as promptly proceeded to dress blinself as a chauffenr and went whistling "They agreed with me, but said they away to a garage after receiving excouldn't feed their toks without mon-pilett instructions as to what streets ey, and if they got no money for it he was to mice and where he was to meet Wilkerson.

If was us nour later that Drake drove his rented our up before the ho lel and delivered his note it found Buth still deep in conversation with Tom Kane and yet anxious for the re-

Just that it would come to See Francisco and explain things—how "John must be in trouble and Mr. Everett can't get him out," she said. "He's written for me to come down to the juli and see him and bring the pa-

"Hamph" said Kane. "That sounds

linth needled, tooking at the ante-Then she sold, more cheerfully: "FR dress anyway. Maybe its needs the. Now, you old dear, loove me awhile."

Kane departed, and Ruth quickly was doing this the belilioy returned to Meanwhile Witherson and Jean Dur- say that a machine was waiting for

> "The one that brought the note," he stil. "He says he was told to wall." "Oh!" she exclaimed. "Tell him !"

be right down. When the boy had gone she called Tom Kane on the telephone and tal? titm that she was going. "John cout a car for me," she added.

"All right," came back the enswer. Ul) just travel along. Maybe I might nelp John myserf."

So it was agreed, and they met in he lonby, where Ruth showed the note o the clerk in her impublive way. Something in that official's expression rands the old cook unobtrustvely take out his revolver and see that it was in good condition. He followed Buth to the street and into the waiting was

This move disconcerted Druke. He and not intended to have two pass songers, but he saw no help for it and mercix nodded when Ruth ordered him to take her to the city prison. He started his engine and they sped off

They rode for some time and as netther of them was acquainted with the city it did not occur to them that they were being rapidly conveyed into a part of tawn only partit built up and Monday & Tuesday you velled in dense clouds of swirling

"It's a long way," Ruth remarked several times, but Kane merely grunted. He was busily pundering over some method of extracting John Dorr. Suddenly the car awerved around a orner, dived down a steep fill and came to a stop before a big gray building-the boarded up residence of an abscutee. Reaching back, Drake open ed the door, and ftuth aprung out A figure durted across the sidewalk, and she felt berself clutched by the

She tooked into the gleaming, crueieyes of Wilkerson. "I've got you now?" be said trium-

"On!" mouned Ruth, shrinking back in terror. "Yes, Indeed." Wilkerson taunted

But at that moment he heard another tolce, stern, commanding and familiar Be looked around into the muzzle of with a Regular Picture

For the moment they faced each other, while Ruth shronk book still far ther. The old man's eyes gleamed and his trigger finger seemed to rest on the tripper with a precise and deit

"You here?" said Wilkerson with an Wednesday & Thursday Suddenly the old man's temper flored

p. The other saw death in his eyes. May 5th and 6th p. The other saw death in his eyes. he could up the street. Without a second's besitution Kane

wome his weapon round till it cover d Drake, cowering at his wheel, 'Now you drive us back to the hoel," he thundered. "And if you make false move I'll deall se as sure as

God gave me good slighting eyes." autility waited till they were in and then turned his cur back toward the center of the city. Top Kape sut grimty just behind him with his gun And his mind was plecing things together. Soddenly he saw r potherman on his beat and realized that luck was playing his cards for him He ordered Drake to halt and halled the officer. To that somewhat astonish ed individual the cook explained brief ly that he had just folled an abduction dot and that the chauffeur was in it. Though Drake streamonsly denied the charge the policeous decided that it was a case for the captain.

"I'll just ride in front here, and we'll MASTER KEY MATINEE go to headquarters," he remarked You can put up that gun, old fellow, for I'll see that young fellow doesn't ut up any montey shines."

In the meantime Everett and who constulty managed Dorr's business, and he had been released on nominal bail for a hearing. "And I guess you won't find us very suxious to make it hard for you," said the presenting after May 8th and 9th

Free again, John inserted on taking the quickest route back to the hotel Everett, sympathetic in this, agreed, and in a few minutes they were at the notel inquiring for Roth.

"Why, she left only a tittle while ago to see you in the prison," said the clirk. "She had a note from you." 'I wrote no note." said John. "Here it is," was the response,

eft it on the desk in her hurry." Engerly John anatched the sheet of paper, but the instant his eyes lit on it be turned a furious face to Everett. "It's a formery, a trick," he said. "I

> CHAPTER XVI. Too Late!

OGETHER John and Everett went outside, and from the starter they learned that a been driven off. There was an old chanffeur had delivered a note and that gentleman with her, Mr. Kune, I be-Here," the starter added.

John heaved a sign of relief. "At "

showed them the futility of trying to At Lowell Theatre give. At last she said quietly, "The find Ruth, they re-entered the hotel and settled down to a discussion of bustness. They were interrupted by

"Nonsense!" Everett said quickly. It had been while we must be allead with our fix owner. She decided on offering a goodrecounted the contrasting.

> to do and a vegetarity dreaded restraining to Je a Darriell with the news.
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> He walked t e streets for a long time.
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> His wife intervened.
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> "Twenty dolla," she said canningly.
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> "Drake is in jall, and we'll have to doggedly sta led downtown. On the and then said in a tone that was deway he bout it an evening paper and cisive, "If you show me the papers brows he pe used this minutely april he was sure that his tool had not be trayed him to far. But he knew that giance told her that they belonged to into communication with the young ried away. man and ass ire his stience. He could not do this without Mrs. Durnell's

As he expected, she flew into a towering rage, but her keen mind saw that Drake must be purified, and she managed to control herself at last. She read the account carefully and then looked through the rest of the paper for some item about John Dorr. Her eye lit upon an advertisement, which she read twice before spenking; then she pointed it out to Wilkerson.

FOUND,—Deeds to cortain mining property. On proof of ownership same will a returned. Reward expected. S. J. C., Hill street.

"They must be the papers," he no knowledged. "Pell probably threw them away for fear of their being used s evidence against him, and some one cked them up.

"This time I shall see to the matten" . Jean said sharply, "Whether they are the papers or not, we must be sure." "Other people will see that ad.," he

"All the more reason for hurry," she napped. Then she called her maid. "Extelle," she said, "I want you to frens for the street and go on an er raud for me. It is very important. and you must horry." "Yes, madame."

"And if you show good judgment



A Glance Told Her That They Belonged to Ruth.

Miss Gallon dresses and acts. I want you to impersonate her for a little do so himself with John's help. At the car immediately. "But, madame"-"There is no danger at all," Mrs. Dar-

nell went on. "All you have to do is to go to this address and get those pa The maid looked at the advertise-

ment and finally consented to go to the IIIII street address and see if they were really Ruth's deeds and if so re cover them. In a few moments she and departed on her errand, and Wilherson and Jean once more resigned themselves to waiting.

Estelle tripped along the street to a car line and took the first car that came along, which, the conductor in formed her, crossed the street she

Arriving at her street, she got off and found herself in a neighborhood phabited by very poor people. She looked with disgust at the tumbledown shanties and dirty shacks that littered the rubbish heaped yards. Two blocks up from the car line she found her number, a house slightly better kept than most. But she noticed in the yard an uprilted ash man's cart. In the cent was a rickety stable. She entered be gate and rang the bell.

A very large, ill dressed Italian wooan opened the door, letting out a remendous odor of garlle and cheese. She surveyed her eatler with suspicion and then beamed. "Oh, you come looks de papes?" she

Matinees 2:00 p.m. Estelle merely showed a copy of the Night Shows 8:00 p. m. advertisement. "Yes, my hosband he put that in de this point the doctor interfered with

Estelle said that they had been lost explained that he had been removing the ashes therefrom when his eye had any rate, Tom will see that she doesn't Monday 10:00 a. m. the still insisted on an accurate decome to harm," he said seen caught by the folded papers, but scription, which the maid could not priers are of no value to you, and I much more."

the return o little and the cook, who At the word reward there was a late the fills to some quiet hetel. You recounted the contentness, and the woman demanded to

ly sum, yet not enough to make the Wilkerson's less faiture had driven in possession of papers of extraordis more the guiding spirit and told Wilhim furious. He did not know what many value. She pulled out her purse kerson that there was only one thing

Estelle bergained for some moments read of Drak's arrest. With scowling and they are the ones I want I'll give you \$15 and no more.'

minutes wer precious. He must get | Ruth. She hald the money and hur-Everett and Dorr had gone over the

situation thoroughly together, and the broker agreed that he would betp out 'n putting the "Master Key" mine on to feet again.

"I think I can do it tomorrow," he ald "Just let me have all the paers, and I'll go over them tonight." "Buth has them," John replied.

We'd best go up and get them now." Buth received them cheerfully and compily went to her trunk for the seds. Her first search was not revarded, and she lifted a puzzled face John Then she once more went rough all her belongings. It was ruitless. She then remembered the est and searctied it with the same

"They're gonef" she stammered. "Impossible!" said Dorr. "They must

s somewhere here." "No," she mourned, "I've looked verywhere."

Everett was the first to suggest that time should be lost in locating the dswing property. He sent for the vening papers and delved into the Lost and Found" columns, with the sult that he very soon handed a paer to Dorr and pointed out the adversement which had attracted Wilkeron's attention.

Half an hour inter John Deer turned way from the ash man's door and aid to Everett: "I'll bet that was one of Wilkerson's crowd. We must notify the police before he can get

They had soon told their difficulties to the sympathetic ear at headquar-ters and started back for the botel ohn was in the dumps. "It seems as if everything goes

group when I try to do something for hat little woman," he growled. "I begin to think myself that you ere playing in bard fuck," was the re-"But I siwnys did like a good ight, and this promises to be one. I'll

rick, John. They shook bands. They found Ruth and Tom Kane nxionsly awaiting them. John simdy stated the case and then turned e comfort floth. He was startled to

ee how white she was. "Ruth, Ruth," he cried in alarm.

what is the matter?" There was no answer. She had faint-

All else was forgotten for the time peing. A maid and a dector were quickly summoned, and presently Ruth revived. Old Tom Kane was seated beside her patting her hand, "The papers!" she mouned.

"Don't you worry about the papers." ne said promptly, "We'll look after

ook after them?" she pleaded.



He Was Startled to See How White She Was.

pape." the woman said, losing her orders that she was to be perfectly

For some moments Estelle tried to | In the other room they held a concar had driven op. that the Main Floor - 35c get a glimpse of the documents. The sultation. The physician listened to italian himself came on the scene and | their explanation of what the girl had 50c demanded a full description. When been through and then said gravely: "She must have an absolute change of from the Manx botel he nodded and scene for a time. Get her away from here instantly."

"But where?" Dorr demanded. "Why not take her to the southern part of the state for a little while?" he suggested. "But whatever you do, do it quickly. Her nerves won't stand

"I know just the place," Kape said. am authorized to pay a good reward ... Take ber to Los Angules and then out logion Star.

With the papers safely in her possesash man and his wife think they were | sion at last Jean Darnell became once

> "Drake is in jail, and we'll have to ball him out through some third party. We deren't trust ourselves in the hands



"We must save ourselves first."

of the police. You can trust Dorr to be looking for those papers right this

"I promised Drake by a messenger that we would have him out before night," he responded.

"We must save ourselves first," she said angrily. "And we must be dis-After some argument Wilkerson

agreed, and they decided to go south, "It will give us time to plan things out, and you can work things out at your name," Jean told him.

"But how shall I disguise myself?" Mrs. Darnell's eyes gleamed maliclously. "You must go as an old man," she told him-"my father, you see," He rebelled, but finally acquiesced,

end within a short time Jean and the maid had transformed him into a very presentable old man. "Now, go and buy our tickets," she rdered. "Estelle and 1 will pack up

while you are gone." "Tickets to where?" "Tickets to Los Angeles," she snap-

So he departed, to return in an hour with the tickets and an expressman When the trunks were gone Mrs. Darcell sat down with Wilkerson, and they went over the situation again, with the result that she took his advice and disguised herself and made

Estelle also do the same. After a hasty supper they then called a taxi and went to the station. Mrs. Darpeli and her maid immediately en "But the folks at the mine-who will tered the drawing room reserved for them, and Wilkerson feed the porter The old cook swore that he would to make up his berth to the body of

"Safe!" he muttered to himself as the wheels began to turn and he saw the faces of several plain clothes men on the piatform.

Neither he nor Mrs. Darnell was ware that in another car Ruth and her mald and John Dorr and Tom Kane were also heading for the south.

Queer Cases of Jilt.

A well known novelist was once jilted by a girl who took exception to the inadequate punishment meted out to one of his fictitious villains. She deciared that as he regarded vice with so lement an eye he must himself be at heart a reprobate and unworthy of true love and that she must request

that their acquainmance cease. An eminent lawyer in his younger days met with a similar mishap. The indy to whom he was engaged, chancing to bear that he had delivered a most skillful though futile speech in defense of an arrant rogue, wrote, sixtus that she must decline to know no who could thus strive speciously to excuse crime: In ceturn he pleaded he eximencies of the profession, but in nin. The indy was obdurate and soon ofterward, by the strange front of fate, married a man who was ultimintely convicted of gross fraud, mainis through the forenste eloquence of her former toyer.

Paper Lifeboate. Resr Admiral Yokoyams of the Japa-

ese mayy has invented a collapsible ifebout, or, rather, raft, made of paer. Having found a very tough paper known as nashikiruzu, made from muiberry tree fiber, he sought for and disovered a chemical treatment to make waterproof. After experiment be ound that the best device was to take severat pipelike bags and place them side by side as in a raft. As finally given forth it is a life caft quite imnune from wreck and so collapsible that it could be stowed in a submarine and always be ready for use.

Not Much Room For Argument. "You owe everything to your wife," said the severe maternal relative. "Maybe I do," replied Mr. Meekton. "Anyhow, she gets around regularly every pay day and collects."-Wash-

(Continued next Sunday)